



General Assembly

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**Committee Bill No. 5595**

LCO No. 5082

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Referred to Committee on Environment

Introduced by:  
(ENV)

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE DESIGNATION OF BANTAM LAKE FOR PRESERVATION.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 22a-339f of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 The Commissioner of Environmental Protection shall:

4 (1) Designate [a lake located in two or more municipalities] Bantam  
5 Lake in Morris and Litchfield to be the subject of a program of  
6 preservation which may serve as a pilot program for the preservation  
7 and enhancement of the historic, cultural, recreational, economic,  
8 scenic, public health and environmental value of lakes in this state;

9 (2) Encourage partnerships and agreements with municipalities  
10 which are contiguous to the lake and, to the greatest extent practicable  
11 under law, direct programs, grants and technical assistance so as to  
12 provide environmental support to the lake;

13 (3) Coordinate state and municipal activities and resources to  
14 preserve, protect and restore the lake and its shoreline;

15 (4) Provide access to existing scientific data and information relating  
 16 to the lake, its shoreline and watershed area to the municipalities in  
 17 which it is located;

18 (5) Cooperate with such municipalities to promote and encourage  
 19 public use and enjoyment of the resource for all lawful purposes  
 20 consistent with achievement of the other goals set forth in this section;

21 (6) Provide, upon request of such municipalities, an agency  
 22 representative to whom they may communicate goals and needs and  
 23 who shall facilitate communication and interaction between such  
 24 municipalities and the state; and

25 (7) Cooperate with the contiguous municipalities in any efforts to  
 26 protect and preserve the character of [the designated lake] Bantam  
 27 Lake as such municipalities may undertake.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	22a-339f
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**Statement of Purpose:**

To designate Bantam Lake as a heritage lake.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*

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